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REMARKS

After entry of the present amendment, claims 1-5 and 14-34 will be pending in the present application. Claim 1 has been amended and claims 6-13 have been canceled without prejudice to, at least, correct typographical discrepancies by removing subject matter that was elected in the parent application and not presented in the present application. Claim 1 has been broadened to include the subject matter of copending application 10/804,389. Claims 14-17 have been amended to remove dependency to a canceled claim. Non-limiting amendments have been made to claims 25, 26 and 29 to correct typographical discrepancies. New claims 30-34 have been added. The amendments to the claim are fully supported by the application as filed. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request entry of this amendment into the application.

In view of the amendments and following remarks, applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections and objections set forth in the Office Action.

Claim Rejections – Double Patenting

In the Office Action, claims 1-29 were “provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting over claims 1-29 of copending Application No. 10/804,389.” The claims of the present application have been amended to include the subject matter of the claims set forth in 10/804,389, and applicants will let application 10/804,389 go abandoned in favor of the present application. Therefore, the grounds for the provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejection is rendered moot, and applicants respectfully request the Examiner withdraw this rejection.


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CONCLUSION

In view of the above remarks and amendments, applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance and earnestly solicit notice to that effect. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below if the Examiner believes such would be helpful in advancing the application to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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